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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the restriction requirement dated November 3, 2005, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, as defined in Claims 1-11. This election is made with traverse.

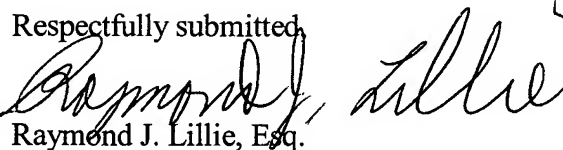
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